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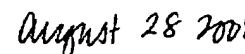
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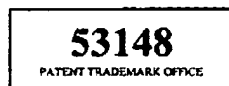
Dear Commissioner:

Pertaining to the above-referenced patent application, Applicants respectfully assert that on July 21, 2008 an Information Disclosure Statement was filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office. However, the Form 1449 has not been fully considered by the Examiner. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned to the undersigned with an official communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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